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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period
 5 to 17 July 1951 follows.

1. Fol Dasht

8 July
 (date uncertain)

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
 Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 50 box-
 cars, and one carload of ammunition boxes.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
 Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, four
 tank cars, four carloads of ammunition boxes,
 one carload of motors, two tank cars (sic), one
 carload of iron, and 30 boxcars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
 Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, seven
 carloads of timber, two kerosene tank cars, six
 carloads of iron, 40 carloads of coal, and 20
 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
 Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, six
 carloads of stone, two carloads of lime, one
 tank car, and two carloads of poles and lumber.

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Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
 Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 33 box-
 cars, two carloads of poles, two carloads of coal,
 and three cars loaded with 30 heavy machine guns.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
 Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 12 car-
 loads of sand, two carloads of ammunition cases,

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four tank cars, one carload of iron, one passenger car (sic), and 17 boxcars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, three carloads of heavy machine guns, three tank cars, two carloads of mortar gun barrels, three carloads of timber, and one boxcar.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 12 carloads of armed soldiers, and three cars with unidentified loads.

0600 hours Two trains composed of 26 carloads of armed soldiers, 26 cars carrying 26 trucks, and ten cars carrying 11 75mm guns arrived at Shah Takhti from Yerevan. Nine carloads of soldiers, four guns, and four trucks were detached from the train at Shah Takhti, and the train continued on toward Nakhichevan. At 0800 hours the soldiers, guns, and trucks which had been separated from the trains moved to the barracks of Qurag located behind Shah Takhti. One infantry battalion accompanied the newly arrived troops to the barracks.

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Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 20 tank cars, four carloads of poles, one carload of timber, one carload of soil, four cars loaded with five tractors, one carload of ammunition cases, and 17 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 21 carloads of poles, nine carloads of sand, six tank cars, two carloads of ammunition cases, and one carload of coal.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, two carloads of timber, one carload of wire, and 24 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 15 tank cars, three carloads of timber, and 22 boxcars.

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Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, six carloads of poles, two carloads of timber, four coal cars, 24 boxcars, and two cars carrying four tractors.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, seven tank cars, seven carloads of iron, seven carloads of motors, and 14 carloads of armed soldiers.

East and westbound rail traffic, between Nakhichevan and Dzhusfa: Four trains composed of 29 passenger cars, six carloads of timber, two tank cars, seven carloads of iron, four carloads of wire, four carloads of poles, three coal cars, two carloads of ammunition cases, one car carrying four anti-aircraft machine guns, six carloads of trucks, and 48 boxcars.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 19 carloads of armed soldiers,
and 23 cars loaded with 19 75mm guns and 23 trucks.

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 11 car-
loads of guns, 17 carloads of trucks carrying
soldiers.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, six
tank cars, two carloads of iron, four carloads
of motors, four carloads of firewood, one car-
load of trucks, and 41 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, four
tank cars, and 15 boxcars.

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(alternate version)

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, one
carload of timber, one carload of poles, one
carload of soil, five tank cars, two carloads of
iron, and 27 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, four
tank cars, three carloads of ammunition cases,
seven carloads of motors, one carload of sand,
and 27 boxcars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
One train composed of nine boxcars, one car
carrying a group of civilians, and one car
carrying a movie projector.

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Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 16
carloads of poles, one coal car, 14 boxcars, and
two cars carrying 18 heavy machine guns and two
mortars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 13
carloads of poles, four carloads of heavy machine
guns, eight carloads of mortars, 16 boxcars, and
two carloads of motors.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 16 passenger cars, six
tank cars, four coal cars, two carloads of iron,
one carload of wire, two carloads of trucks, and
27 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, six
carloads of stone, one tank car, three carloads
of timber, and 12 boxcars.

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Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, seven
tank cars, and 25 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, five
tank cars, and 41 boxcars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, two
tank cars, one carload of poles, three carloads
of timber, and ten boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, three
tank cars, two carloads of iron, one carload of
timber, and 21 boxcars.

16 July

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, one
tank car, two carloads of trucks, two carloads
of tractors, five carloads of timber, and 30
boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, two
tank cars, one carload of bricks, and 12 boxcars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 19
carloads of trucks, three tank cars, and 38 box-
cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

2. Dzhulfa

8 July

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and
Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 62 boxcars,
seven tank cars, and seven gondolas carrying wood
and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa
and Ordubad: One train composed of 22 boxcars and
14 empty gondolas.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and
Nakhichevan: Seventy trucks, four autos, and
five jeeps carrying 70 men.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa
and Ordubad: Twenty-seven trucks and five autos
carrying 162 soldiers.

Forty Soviet soldiers engaged in military exercises
behind Soviet Dzhulfa.

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Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 96 boxcars, two tank cars, and 19 gondolas carrying three trucks and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: One train composed of 14 boxcars, ten empty gondolas, and one car with unknown contents.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night Direction unstated: Three trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Fifty-nine trucks, five autos, and one jeep carrying 162 soldiers and 246 civilians.

10 July

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 50 boxcars, 19 tank cars, and 16 gondolas.

Direction unstated: Two trains composed of 19 coal cars.

night Direction unstated: One train of unknown make-up.

All Soviet border guard posts opposite Iranian posts in the Dzhulfa area have been strengthened. At certain spots (unstated) the number of Soviet soldiers has been increased to 4,000. In general, these soldiers are equipped with automatic weapons, and some do not wear border guard insignia. Constant movement of military personnel in both directions between Nakhichevan and Dzhulfa by train and by vehicle took place.

At certain points (unstated) Soviet border guards dug trenches. Attempts were made to muffle the sounds of these digging operations so that inhabitants of the area would be unaware of the activity. During the day no traces of digging are visible.

Observers along the border feel that more Soviet activity is taking place than has actually been observed.

11 July

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 13 tank cars, eight gondolas, and three carloads of trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 56 boxcars and two tank cars.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: One hundred thirty-six trucks, 11 autos, two tankers (sic), ten jeeps, and 168 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two autos, 41 trucks, and 72 soldiers.

59 soldiers maneuvered north of Dzhulfa.

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About 50 Soviet soldiers, accompanied by officers, were observed on the elevations west of Dzhulfa. This group was performing reconnaissance exercises.

At the present time more than a full regiment of Soviet troops is stationed at Dzhulfa.

13 July

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 62 boxcars, 70 gondolas, and 15 carloads of coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Two trains composed of 59 boxcars, seven tank cars, and six empty gondolas.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: One train of unknown make-up.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Four jeeps and 427 trucks, among which were observed 143 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Six jeeps and 48 trucks carrying 176 soldiers.

Approximately 400 Soviet soldiers engaged in military exercises in the northern section of Dzhulfa. Another group of Soviet soldiers, number unstated, engaged in mortar practice.

14 July

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 105 passenger and tank cars, and 20 gondolas carrying lumber and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Two trains composed of 12 tank cars, 63 passenger cars, and 17 gondolas carrying wood.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: One train of unknown make-up.

15 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of an unstated number of cars, loaded with seven anti-aircraft guns and 17 trucks and jeeps; the trucks contained supplies and a number of soldiers.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of three gondolas; one locomotive.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 28 boxcars, four tank cars, one carload of coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two passenger trains; two other trains.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Two trains.

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Dzhulfa continued

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Fifty trucks carrying 120 soldiers. One convoy of 14 trucks loaded with armed soldiers arrived at the Dzhulfa railway station at the same time as the train reported in the first paragraph of this date; 13 of the trucks in the convoy towed field pieces.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Fifty-nine trucks carrying 145 soldiers.

15 July
(alternate version)

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of seven boxcars, six tank cars, 21 gondolas, and four carloads of trucks and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: One train composed of 44 boxcars and six gondolas of which three were loaded with trucks and coal.

night

Direction unstated: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan (sic): Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars and 23 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan (sic) to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 13 tank cars, one carload of wire, two carloads of boxes, 32 boxcars, and one car carrying four motors.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of eight tank cars, 53 boxcars, seven cars carrying five field pieces, five carloads of soldiers, and 12 cars carrying trucks which were full of soldiers.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars and six boxcars.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Three jeeps; 38 trucks carrying 133 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Five autos; 27 trucks carrying 65 soldiers.

16 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 27 boxcars, two tank cars, 11 gondolas, and seven carloads of coal.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 62 boxcars, seven tank cars, and four gondolas.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains of unknown make-up.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

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Dzhulfa continued

Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Three jeeps and 55 trucks carrying 98 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Two autos and 38 trucks carrying 100 soldiers.

17 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa
and Ordubad: Two trains composed of 30 boxcars,
six tank cars, 22 carloads of trucks, and 12
carloads of autos.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and
Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 55 boxcars,
18 tank cars, and three gondolas carrying coal.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Four jeeps and 38 trucks carrying nine soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Seven jeeps and 36 trucks carrying 120 soldiers.

Three hundred Soviet soldiers engaged in military
exercises north of Dzhulfa.

3. Sia Rud

5 July*

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
Four trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 27
boxcars, four tank cars, three carloads of trucks,
three carloads of water pipes, one car loaded with
harvesting machines, and 23 cars loaded with poles
and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two
trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 25 freight
cars, 13 boxcars, and 12 gondolas loaded with
cases, timber, red soil, and pebbles.

10 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two
trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 47 box-
cars, one tank car, and four carloads of trucks,
poles, timber, and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two
trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 24 freight
cars, five boxcars, and 29 carloads of gravel.

Two shots were fired in succession at the Soviet
post of Noodi, whereupon Soviet troops deployed
for an attack upon the Iranian post at Misan. The
Iranians prepared to counter the forthcoming
attack, but the Soviets did not cross the border.

11 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three
trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 87 boxcars,
26 tank cars, 19 carloads of gravel, and one
gondola which carried three petroleum products
tanks.

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Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 11 boxcars, one tank car, five carloads of pipe, one carload of trucks, one gondola with unknown contents guarded by three soldiers, and 19 carloads of timber, coal, and lumber.

12 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 55 boxcars, six tank cars, five gondolas loaded with tires, ten gondolas loaded with soldiers, and 15 gondolas with unknown contents.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 60 boxcars, 66 tank cars, and 20 carloads of motors, cases, timber, coal, and white soil.

13 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 35 boxcars, seven tank cars, and 47 gondolas loaded with soil, poles, lumber, trucks, and white soil.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 39 boxcars, four tank cars, and nine gondolas carrying six motors, cases, and timber.

14 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 39 boxcars, six tank cars, four carloads of autos, 22 carloads of motors, four carloads of tractor wheels, and 12 carloads of poles, timber, and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 13 passenger cars.

15 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 17 boxcars, four tank cars, and 11 gondolas carrying timber, poles, and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 94 boxcars, seven tank cars, and 23 gondolas loaded with motors, and seven cars loaded with timber and cases.

16 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 34 boxcars, 11 tank cars, four carloads of tractors, two carloads of autos, one carload of trucks, and 25 carloads of timber, coal, and poles.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 25 boxcars, one tank car, nine gondolas loaded with fabrics and iron, and one carload of pebbles.

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Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, seven carloads of poles, timber, and lumber, 24 carloads of trucks, and 12 carloads of tractors, water pipes, boxes, and timber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 94 boxcars, four gondolas, one tank car, one carload of autos and timber, 13 passenger cars, and five carloads of cases and timber.

Two Soviet aircraft flew above the heights of Zartagh, at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, within nine kilometers of the border and flew along the road to Ahar (38-28N, 47-05E), which is in Iran. After ten minutes of flying along the road the aircraft retraced the route flown.

4. Khuda Afarin

8 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 20 boxcars, eight tank cars, one gondola carrying a crane, 13 carloads of trucks, and 27 carloads of wood, poles, and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 tank cars, 13 passenger cars, and 11 carloads of tools and iron boxes.

9 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 60 boxcars, 13 tank cars, 18 empty gondolas, 13 passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 18 boxcars, three kerosene tank cars, and 36 cars of which three carried machines, six carried barrels, and 27 carried wood, poles, timber, and lumber.

10 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 48 boxcars, 70 gondolas and six tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 13 passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, eight empty gondolas, and one tank car; one locomotive.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of nine tank cars, 25 carloads of sand and poles, and 36 boxcars.

11 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 24 boxcars, 32 carloads of wood and poles, and 24 tank cars; one locomotive pulling one empty gondola.

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Soviet posts in this area have been doubled in strength. The strength of Soviet patrols has been increased and dogs have been added to the patrols. A constant movement of trucks has been observed as supplies have been brought in to the posts.

12 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of three passenger cars, 25 boxcars, two carloads of autos, two tank cars, and ten carloads of wood and poles.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 101 boxcars, 16 tank cars, eight empty gondolas, and seven carloads of wood, poles, and coal.

13 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 105 boxcars, 26 tank cars, 22 empty gondolas, and five tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 20 boxcars and three carloads of wood and poles.

14 July 0700 hours

One Soviet aircraft flew along the frontier at an altitude of 500 meters, from Baku toward Dzhulfa.

1400 hours

One Soviet aircraft was observed flying along the frontier from Dzhulfa toward Baku.

15 July

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of nine tank cars, three carloads of instruments, five empty gondolas, 47 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, and one gondola carrying three soldiers and three civilians; two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 15 boxcars, three carloads of tools, four carloads of cases, and 12 empty gondolas.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 11 passenger cars; two trains composed of 64 boxcars, 12 tank cars, 15 carloads of wood and coal, two carloads of autos, two carloads of motors, and 18 carloads of iron rods.

16 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 32 boxcars, 58 tank cars, and 49 gondolas carrying wood, coal, poles, and iron.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, three tank cars, two carloads of tools, three carloads of iron cases, and six empty cars.

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17 July

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 71 boxcars, three empty gondolas, five tank cars, and 31 carloads of autos, trucks, wood, coal, and iron cases.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 13 passenger cars.

5. Garmi

10 July

Three truckloads of munitions and three carts loaded with large bags arrived at the Aghcheh border post where the munitions were stored in underground bunkers.

11 July

At each of the posts in this area new barracks capable of housing one company per post are under construction, and at some posts have already been completed.

6. Namin

8 July

Three truckloads of food stuffs went from Kizilissa (38-33N, 48-30E) to Kalaputi (38-48N, 48-25E) and returned to Kizilissa after unloading.

Five trucks went from Omstomnok to Kalaputi; one of the trucks was loaded with armed soldiers, one was loaded with three anti-aircraft machine guns, and two were loaded with red and white gunny sacks.

One truckload of foodstuffs and seven soldiers went from Gaduk (38-35N, 48-20E) to Sholecheran (not located).

Eleven civilians in various types of attire went from the village of Kaluz to Kaluz post.

9 July

Eight truckloads of foodstuffs, white gunny sacks, and wood were observed at Fateh Maksud post.

One truckload of white gunny sacks went from Omstomnok to Kalaputi; two trucks went from Kalaputi to Omstomnok.

Two truckloads of foodstuffs went from the village of Kaluz to Kaluz post.

11 July

Four truckloads of foodstuffs went from Kizilissa to Kalaputi.

Five empty trucks and five truckloads of foodstuffs went from Gaduk to Omstomnok.

Soviet soldiers conducted heavy machine gun firing practice at Kaluz post.

13 July

The Soviets carried out routine patrol activity. Three truckloads of foodstuffs moved toward Soviet posts in the area.

14 July

One jeep went from Omstomnok to Kalaputi; one jeep went from Kalaputi to Leji; one jeep went from Gaduk to Kaluz post.

7. Astara

8 July

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One truckload of gunny sacks; five trucks carrying civilians; two truckloads of foodstuffs, three empty trucks; one truck carrying three civilians; two jeeps carrying three officers.

North and southbound road traffic, between Astara and Lenkoran: Two trucks carrying four officers; five armed soldiers and two civilians; one auto carrying three officers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks carrying civilians; one truckload of armed soldiers; one truckload of foodstuffs; two officers on motorcycles; two carts carrying six armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Four sergeants and three soldiers on horseback; one officer on a bicycle; two armed soldiers on motorcycles; one cart with unknown contents; one truck carrying five civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two truckloads of gunny sacks; two civilians; three carts loaded with furniture, five soldiers, and one woman.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Twelve officers and three soldiers armed with pistols; three carts carrying men and women.

Two green rockets were fired at the frontier bridge at Astara. Three white, two red, and four green rockets were fired at Khoshkeh Dahaneh and Bagehen Sareh.

9 July

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Six trucks carrying 130 armed soldiers; five autos; one truck with cases of rifles and machine guns which were unloaded and put in the depot at Astara; four trucks carrying 13 officers; two jeeps carrying three officers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks carrying 16 soldiers; two trucks carrying several civilians and unknown loads; one cart carrying two sergeants and five soldiers; 15 soldiers on foot.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks carrying 17 civilians; one truck full of civilians; one truckload of foodstuffs; three armed officers on horseback; seven armed soldiers and three armed sergeants on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck and five jeeps carrying 11 armed soldiers and four officers; one truck; six civilians; one truck carrying 11 armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One cart carrying gunny sacks, accompanied by four armed soldiers on horseback; two jeeps carrying two officers and one soldier.

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Astara continued

Nine white, five red, and six green rockets were fired at Haider Mahalleh, Khoshkeh Dahaneh, Bagchen Sareh posts. Four red, one white, and three green rockets were fired at Kashbi Ghaleh, Khanbulaghi, and Baharestan border posts.

One lieutenant colonel, one naval officer, and three other officers, accompanied by 15 armed soldiers, were observed opposite the Iranian post of Khanbulaghi.

10 July

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Seven truckloads of armed soldiers; four truckloads of flour; four truckloads of foodstuffs; one truckload of ammunition boxes; five autos, one cart carrying six civilians and one soldier.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Four trucks; one truckload of unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Four truckloads of gunnysacks and 50 civilians; one jeep carrying three officers; two officers on motorcycles; one cart and three soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks carrying 27 soldiers and an unstated number of civilians; two carts carrying nine armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three trucks carrying seven soldiers and ten civilians; one jeep carrying two officers; two carts carrying foodstuffs and straw; two officers on bicycles; three soldiers on horseback.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying five cases and six armed soldiers; one auto carrying two officers; two officers on horseback; two sergeants and 22 armed soldiers on foot carrying spades and pickaxes; one cart carrying two soldiers.

Three rockets were fired at the Kashbi Ghaleh post. Six red, four green, and three white rockets were fired at Haider Mahalleh, Khoshkeh Dahaneh, and Bagchen Sareh posts. One white and two red rockets were fired at Astara. Searchlights were played upon the sea.

11 July

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One truck carrying soldiers; three trucks carrying civilians; one truckload of wood.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three trucks carrying soldiers and civilians; two empty trucks; two truckloads of foodstuffs; one truckload of stone.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck carrying ten armed soldiers; one truck with unstated load; one truckload of wooden cases; two carts carrying 12 soldiers; gunny sacks, and unstated loads; one jeep; seven officers riding motorcycles.

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Astara continued

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara:
One empty truck; two truckloads of foodstuffs;
two carts carrying 16 soldiers; two officers on
horseback; 15 soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last
post west: One empty truck; two trucks full of
soldiers and civilians; two trucks carrying unstated
loads; one jeep carrying two officers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to
Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks carrying five men and
women and empty barrels; three carts carrying
nine soldiers and civilians; one jeep carrying
three officers and two sergeants; two officers
on horseback.

2300 hours

Two green and two white rockets were fired at
Haider Mahalleh and Qanbar Mahalleh.

12 July

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara:
One truckload of kerosene; one truck carrying
armed soldiers; one truck carrying civilians;
one truck carrying three civilians; one auto and
two jeeps carrying nine officers.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Kenyar Darya:
Seven trucks carrying about 180 armed soldiers.
The soldiers remained at Kenyar Darya while the
trucks returned to Lenkoran.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran:
Two empty trucks; one truck carrying civilians;
one truckload of large cases; one truck carrying
straw; four civilians; one auto.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh:
Two trucks carrying armed soldiers; one truck
carrying civilians; one truck with unstated load;
one jeep carrying three officers; two carts.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara:
Two trucks; three carts carrying bags and poles;
three jeeps carrying five officers; one motorcycle
carrying two officers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh
(probably Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west):
Three trucks carrying 26 civilians, four soldiers,
and one dog; one jeep carrying three sergeants.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to
Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep carrying two officers;
one cart carrying three armed soldiers.

Five green, two red, and two white rockets were
fired at the post of Kenyar Darya, at the
observation post at the bridge at Astara, and at
Haider Mahalleh.

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Astara continued

A black painted Soviet warship anchored off Astara for seven hours and then sailed for an unknown destination. The ship had a crew of 100 men, and was equipped with radio. Its ~~armament~~ consisted of one 105mm gun, two 75mm guns, four heavy machine guns, and two anti-aircraft guns. The ship was accompanied by six rescue (sic) boats.

13 July

Three Soviet vessels arrived at Astara, coming from Baku. One of the vessels carried a cargo of gasoline, and the other two carried foodstuffs. Sixteen men were engaged in unloading the vessels and loading the cargo onto trucks which were driven off in the direction of the road to Lenkoran.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One truck carrying armed soldiers; one truck carrying civilians; one truckload of gunny sacks; two truckloads of iron rods and barbed wire. These trucks arrived at the garrison center in Astara and then continued on to Haider Mahalleh.

Direction unstated: Two truckloads of flour; one truckload of wooden cases; one truck carrying civilians; five jeeps carrying five officers and several civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks; three carts carrying 12 soldiers, three civilians, and bags.

East and westbound road traffic, between Astara and the last post west (sic): Three trucks carrying 12 soldiers and several civilians; three carts carrying five soldiers; one sergeant on a motorcycle; nine soldiers on foot carrying spades and picks.

Two rockets were fired to the right of the new bridge at Astara. One white and two red rockets were fired at Khoshkeh Dahaneh and Haider Mahalleh. During the night searchlights were played on the sea.

14 July
(date uncertain)

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Five empty trucks; three truckloads of wood; four truckloads of foodstuffs; one truckload of barbed wire; one jeep carrying seven officers; one auto; one cart carrying four women.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two trucks; one truck carrying armed soldiers; one truck carrying unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Three trucks; eight sergeants and soldiers; 21 civilians; two officers on motorcycles; two trucks carrying 30 soldiers and two civilians; two truckloads of gunny sacks and barbed wire.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two trucks; one truckload of beds; 49 soldiers and eight civilians; one auto carrying two officers.

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Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Three empty trucks; one truck carrying nine civilians; one cartload of bricks; one cart carrying five men and three women.

Two red and two white rockets were fired at Haider Mahalleh, Qanbar Mahalleh, and Khoshkeh Dahaneh. Two white rockets were fired at Masjed Mahalleh.

15 July 0600 hours

One Soviet fighter aircraft flew from Lenkoran to Astara, circled three times, and flew back toward Lenkoran.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Seven trucks carrying armed soldiers; six trucks with unstated loads; one truckload of bricks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Seven empty trucks; one truckload of gunny sacks; two trucks carrying unarmed soldiers; three trucks full of men, women, and children.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Three trucks carrying 70 armed soldiers; two trucks with unstated loads; one auto carrying four officers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks carrying 15 civilians; one truck carrying unarmed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck carrying 24 unarmed soldiers; one truck carrying armed soldiers; one truck carrying two mortars and two officers; one truck with unstated load; two autos carrying six armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks carrying 20 soldiers and 18 men and women; one cart.

One green and two red rockets were fired at Khoshkeh Dahaneh and Baghen Sareh. Fourteen white rockets were fired at Haider Mahalleh and Qanbar Mahalleh.

16 July

One Soviet aircraft carrying a crew of three flew from Lenkoran to Astara, circled twice, and flew back toward Lenkoran.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Six trucks carrying soldiers and civilians.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Six trucks carrying 40 civilians and 18 armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Nine trucks carrying four civilians, four officers, 45 soldiers, foodstuffs, long sticks, and bricks.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Four trucks carrying several men and women; three jeeps carrying six officers; five carts carrying 18 armed soldiers and gunny sacks.

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Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three trucks carrying civilians and 22 armed soldiers; two jeeps carrying two officers; six carts.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Four trucks; three carts carrying 42 armed soldiers and straw.

Three white rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh. Five white and four green rockets were fired at Khoshkeh Dahaneh and Bagohen Sareh.

17 July

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Seventeen trucks carrying civilians, armed soldiers, and unstated loads.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Five trucks carrying men and women; one cart full of wooden cases.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Three trucks; two carts loaded with bricks; three jeeps carrying three officers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks carrying civilians; three carts loaded with straw; 30 soldiers on foot; two officers on motorcycles.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three trucks; two carts carrying four officers; three jeeps carrying five officers; nine carts.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One cart loaded with wood; one truck carrying several civilians; four autos; seven carts loaded with wood (sic).

One white, three green, and three red rockets were fired at Khanbulaghi post. Three white rockets were fired at Haidar Mahalleh and Kenyar Darya. Seven white rockets were fired at Masjed Mahalleh.

8. Isfabad

8 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eight trains composed of 64 passenger cars, 98 tank cars, ten carloads of wood, and 123 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Four trains composed of 11 passenger cars and 129 tank cars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Three trains of unknown make-up.

9 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Four trains composed of 173 tank cars, seven carloads of iron, and 33 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five trains composed of ten passenger cars, 90 tank cars, seven carloads of iron, three carloads of wood, and 22 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Four trains of unknown make-up.

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10 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 33 passenger cars, 113 tank cars, 33 carloads of wood, and 97 boxcars (also received as 137 boxcars).

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five trains composed of 80 passenger cars, 43 tank cars, two carloads of iron, and 31 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Four trains of unknown make-up.

11 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Five trains composed of five passenger cars, 98 tank cars, five carloads of guns, 27 carloads of wood, and 26 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Four trains composed of 67 tank cars, five carloads of iron, ten carloads of wood, four coal cars, and 90 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Six trains of unknown make-up.

12 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Five trains composed of 23 passenger cars, 109 tank cars, and 28 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Seven trains composed of 13 passenger cars, nine tank cars, 24 carloads of iron, 71 carloads of wood, and six boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Five trains of unknown make-up.

13 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Two trains composed of one passenger car, four tank cars, 30 carloads of iron, 40 carloads of wood, two carloads of coal, and 11 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Seven trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 55 tank cars, seven carloads of iron, 79 carloads of wood, and 29 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Five trains of unknown make-up.

14 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Seven trains composed of 45 passenger cars, 125 tank cars, and 20 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Seven trains composed of 31 passenger cars, 65 tank cars, 12 carloads of guns, 11 carloads of "Lord" cars (sic), 13 carloads of iron, and 61 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad and Kaakha: Three trains of unknown make-up.

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15 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad:
Five trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 76
tank cars, six carloads of iron, 13 carloads
of wood, and 76 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha:
Six trains composed of 28 passenger cars, four
tank cars, ten carloads of iron, 55 carloads of
wood, and 43 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad
and Kaakha: Four trains of unknown make-up.

16 July

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad:
Six trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 68 tank
cars, 22 carloads of iron, 12 carloads of wood,
and 51 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Six
trains composed of 39 passenger cars, 71 tank cars,
and 106 boxcars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ashkhabad
and Kaakha: Five trains of unknown make-up.

A weekly summary of Soviet border activities for the week ending 14 July 1951 follows. Much of the information contained in this summary overlaps the more detailed daily reports given above; however, some additional information is presented.

Azerbaidzhan Area

9. During the recent week a considerable amount of border activity took place in the area of Dzhusfa and Nakhichevan. In general, all border posts on the Soviet side of the Araxes River were strengthened by the addition of new personnel and the placing of new equipment at the disposal of the new arrivals. The increase was such that at certain points of the Dzhusfa area the number of border guards was increased up to 4,000 men. At night trenches were dug and efforts were made by the Soviets to conceal the fact that digging was taking place. The new troops on the border generally are equipped with automatic weapons, and most of them do not wear border guard insignia. This indicates that certain units of the Soviet army which do not belong to the Border Guards have been transferred to the frontier area in order to strengthen the border posts.
10. An increase in activity has also been noticed in the Soviet posts of the Astara area as compared with the previous week. For example, the number of guards at the Korpi post has been increased from 80 men to about 200 men. During the past week, an infantry battalion equipped with six trucks, two jeeps, and one anti-aircraft machine gun has been observed engaging in maneuvers behind the road near Haidar Mahalleh. A fighter aircraft and a reconnaissance aircraft have flown along the border. In addition to colored rockets fired opposite the Khoshkeh Dehaneh, Haidar Mahalleh, and Bagchen Sarah posts and the post near the bridge at Astara, searchlights have been played over the area.

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11. Total rail traffic during the last week was: Opposite Pol Dasht, 66 trains; opposite Dzhulfa, 66 trains; opposite Sia Rud, 29 trains; opposite Khuda Afarin, 21 trains; and opposite Lutfabad, 104 trains.
12. Occasionally carloads of soldiers have been observed in ordinary trains, but on 8 July and 9 July two troop trains were observed going toward Nakhichevan. These trains were composed of 124 cars, of which 52 were full of soldiers, 36 were loaded with trucks which were filled with soldiers, 26 were loaded with trucks, and the others were loaded with fifteen 75 mm guns and four anti-aircraft machine guns.
13. Total road traffic during the last week comprised 471 trucks, eight jeeps, 15 autos, and 32 carts transporting military personnel, ammunition, and food supplies throughout the area along the Araxes River and in the district around Astara and Lenkoran.

Caspian Shore Area

14. No incidents of any significance occurred in this area.

Khorassan Area

15. The Soviets conducted only routine border activities in this area.



comment: This traffic was reported as going from Masjed Mahalleh to Haيران. Haيران is actually the Iranian post opposite the Soviet last post west in the Masjed Mahalleh area, so that it is presumed that the traffic reported was going to the last post west.

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